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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 244

Part B for November 1875.

SUBJECT.

Checks on the Supply of Spirits made from Dunkeld Company.

W D 88—GPB—50,000—24-7-16

Before writing this letter Mr Hudson consulted me on the subject and I expressed my views which except in the case of a few are in accordance with those therein expressed.

2 Instead of enjoining upon all the purchasers of Liquor, I mean wholesale or retail vendors, to go to the Taluk Treasury at Veerungapatam for payment of their money as suggested by the Dy Accountant General, I would authorise the amildars of Taluks for which liquor is required to receive money and issue an order upon the storekeeper or the Company's Muttuddi for the sale of the quantity applied and paid for, and for issuing Rules and Regulations for its conveyance & the place of its —

and the order for selling
the liquor should be
printed slips in the form
of cheques, bearing the
general number for the
distt as numerator, and
the number for each Taluk
as denominator. The former
voucher the Rahadari should
be supplied — in duplicate,
one to be left in possession
of the vendor to enable
him to produce it as the
pass or permit for the
article in the course of
transit, and the other
for its immediate transmission
to the deputy Comm^r by
the Company's mutsuddi,
marking the date of its issue
under his signature.

3 These papers when
checked in the Deputy Comm^rs
office by the entries in the
treasury accounts, showing
the sums credited for sale
of arrack in the several
Taluks afford ample data

while this course does not impose upon the amildar at Seringapatam duties other than those that legitimately belong to his taluk in abkarry matters, it gives the amildars of the talukes to which the vendors belong, means or facilities for knowing the quantity of liquor purchased and sold by them, and whether any but the licensed people alone are dealing in this article. It would also be a relief to the vendors, as it would save them the trouble of going to Seringapatam for payment of money and for obtaining orders to purchase liquor at Pallally. Another advantage is that the Govt can do away with the store-keeper and save to itself the cost of the godown rent and of watch and ward of liquor purchased from the Company

Altho this measure may
not be deemed advantageous
as what is saved in the
establishments will leave
the spent in remunerating
the Company for the work
of vending the liquor, with
which it is charged under
the new scheme, yet the
bother and source of direct
dealing and evils of smuggling
and fraud are much less
if not altogether irradicated.
4 In fact these proposals
urge towards the introduction
of the experimental farming
system which I have ad-
vocated in my memo dt. 7
and I am informed that
Company are prepared to
accept its terms.
5 We have for the Impose
Distt adopted the system
Abkarry administration.
in force in the Town of Madras
forgetting that in Madras
we have only to supply a
Town and a limited area

+ Chief Commr's Proc: dt. 7th/76 and 9242/383 of 20th Decr and 18th March 1875.

controlled', where as we suppose we have to deal with a State in which the difficulties of supplying liquor & all out-lying shops are not inconsiderable, and the means for checking fraud and smuggling are very slender, if not altogether nil. Until the experimental system is introduced, the course suggested in Mr. Hudson's letter under reference & modified in this note may be sanctioned.

6 Before taking any action the Company may be asked as to whether they would accept the terms laid down in paras 2-3 above

B Appendix B
20/9/26

It is to learn why the procedure recommended above should not be adopted - and if it is approved, the Commissioner is requested to arrange with the Railway Co. for carrying them into effect

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If the Com. approve of the above, he may arrange for the introduction of the Draft

From

The Deputy Accountant General
in Mysore.

To

The Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commr.
General Department.

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General No. 2190
No.

Submits suggestions regarding the checks to be exercised on the supply of Spirits made from Paltully Company -

Before writing this letter he had consulted me on the subject and I intended my views, except as to the case of [illegible] in accordance with those here in enclosed -

In view of enjoining upon the purchasers of liquor [illegible]

Bangalore 4th August 1875

From

The Deputy Accountant General
of Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
General Department

Sir,

I have the honor to state that I have been in correspondence with the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore regarding the manner in which Spirits are supplied from the Palhully Company's Manufactory and sold to Vendors, and the Checks which are necessary to guard against fraud. Copies of the two last letters on the subject are submitted

My Lr No 1819 of 14th July
Dy: Commissioner's Lr No 1153
of 23d

2. From the Deputy Commissioner's letter, I find that the liquor is supplied by the Servants of the Company to a Government Store within the Distillery enclosure, on indents prepared by the Storekeeper, who sells it to the Vendors for ready money which he has to remit daily to the Taluk Treasury at Seringapatam. The Storekeeper also issues Rahadaries to the purchasing Vendors. The checks necessary under these arrangements should insure

ensure that the Government is not [illegible]
to pay for more liquor than is supplied by the
Company to the Government Store, and that
the price of the liquor sold thence to the Vendors
is duly paid into the Treasury. The Deputy
Commissioner states that payments to the Compan
are made by the Amildar of the Ashtagrame
Taluk at Seringapatam on the receipts for
liquor given by the Storekeeper and that
the Rubadaries given to the Vendors, being
delivered to the Amildars of the several Taluks
in which the liquor is vended, are eventually
checked with the Monthly Accounts sent in
by the Amildar and the Storekeeper.

3. It appears to me that this system contain
a radical defect, namely, the absence of any
absolute check against collusion between
the Storekeeper and the Servants of the Company
who, it will be seen, are both located in the
distillery enclosure, and involves the necessity
of maintaining a check on the Storekeeper.
The verification of the Stock in the Governmen
Store by the Amildar, which has been ordered
fortnightly, is of little value, as any deficiency
could be made good at a moments notice
from the distillery. The inspecting Amildar
cannot in fact exercise a complete check, without
having in his possession at the time all
the

the Rahadaries which have been issued,
and must rely on the Storekeepers register
or account of issues. Ultimately, the Rahadaries
are to be sent by the several Amildars
to the Deputy Commissioner's Office and
there the Store keepers account of Issues
can be checked and verified; but to
ensure the price of the liquor sold to the
Vendors being paid into the Treasury, the
Deputy Commissioner will also have to
see that the sums shewn to be due according
to rahadaries are duly credited in the
Accounts of the Taluk Treasury. The
Deputy Commissioner states that there are
9 9 Vendors; the issues of liquor unless
limited in number must be very numerous
in the course of the month; to carry out the
necessary checks with efficiency will
therefore be a matter requiring the close
personal supervision of the Deputy
Commissioner or some other responsible
Officer.

4. It will be seen from my letter
to the Deputy Commissioner that I
advocated the abolition of the Government
Store and the issue of the liquor to the
Vendors direct from the Company's distillery
on an order from the Deputy Commissioner,

or

or an Assistant Commissioner the Vendors
preparing the price into the Treasury at
Mysore on production of such order- This
plan was suggested on the supposition
that the Vendors were chiefly whole sale
purchasers; but to meet the case of retail
Vendors who might find the Taluk Treasury
at Seringapatam more convenient, I
would recommend that the orders on the
distillery, as well as the Kahadaries, be
issued by the Amildar of the Ashtagram
Taluk at Seringapatam, on receipt of the
purchase money from the Vendors.

5. Under such an arrangement the
checks necessary would be reduced to a minimum
The Company would have to produce the
Amildars' Orders and the Vendors' receipts,
in support of their demands against the
Government. Payment would be made
to the Company by the Amildar, as at
present, and charged in his Treasury Account
and the same Treasury Account would show
on the receipt side the amount Received from
from the Vendors.

6. It may be alleged that the Company
might justly object to make the retail issue
but

but in consideration of the additional labor it would be worth while to make them a suitable monthly allowance to provide additional servants for the purpose, the cost of the Store Establishment being saved to Government.

7. Another arrangement which has been suggested is the removal of the Government Store from the Company's distillery enclosure to the town of Mysore or to Seringapatam, where it would be under the eye of a responsible Officer, but this would not be free from the difficulties I have pointed out in regard to the elaborate checks which would be necessary on the Store itself.

8. I submit the question which is one of considerable importance for the Chief Commissioner's consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.

Deputy Accountant General
of Mysore

No 1819

Deputy Accountant Generals Office
Bangalore 14th July 1875

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore

Sir

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No 969 of the 7th instant, I have the honor to observe that you have not favored me with full information on the following points noted in mine, namely.

1. To whom the liquor is to be issued by the Pattully Company -
2. On what pass or authority.
3. Whether the liquor is to be stored in a Government distillery Store (before sale to Vendors and other purchasers)
4. When (and where) payment of purchase money is to be made
5. What checks are proposed to secure credit for the purchasers money.

I learn from your reply however (1) that the Company are to receive payments fortnightly at the Ashtagram Taluk Cutcherry for liquor (2) that the Company have nothing whatever to do with the sales which are conducted entirely by Government (3) That Rahadaris are given by the Store keeper to purchasers of liquor.

I conclude from the above that the

liquor is to be issued by the Company to a Government Store Keeper, who again is to issue it to the purchasers, giving them a Rahadary - Is the Storekeeper an Official on Rupees 50 a month to obtain supplies from the Company and sell the liquor to Vendors or others on his own authority, receive the purchase money and remit it to the Taluk Treasury? I should be obliged by your enlightening me on these points as well as explaining the checks to be imposed on the Store Keeper

The plan which has suggested itself to me as the simplest and most effective is as follows.

1 That orders for the issue of liquor from the Company's manufactory should be given to wholesale purchasers only, by the Deputy Commissioner or an Assistant Commissioner, and preferentially by the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Treasury at Mysore, on receipt of the regulated price, an acknowledgement for which should be contained in the order

2 That on presentation of the order at the Company's manufactory, their Agent will issue the quantity of liquor authorized to bearer, retaining the order (receipted) and ultimately present it with the Company's Bill against Government as Voucher for the issue -

3ᵈ That simultaneously with the order the Assistant Commissioner should give the purchaser a Cabadary for the quantity to be issued -

It will be observed that the above arrangement would give the Deputy Commissioner a simple, direct, and complete check on the realization and payment, would obviate all Government Store Accounts as well as the necessity of testing the quantity of liquor in Store -

I beg to be favored with your views on these proposals -

I have &c
Sd/ R. Hudson
Deputy Accountant General
of Mysore -

No 1153.

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Mysore District.

To
The Deputy Accountant General
of Mysore
Bangalore

Dated Mysore 23ᵈ July 1875 -

Sir,

In reply to the queries put in your letter No 1819 of the 14ᵗʰ July 1875, I have the honor to state as follows -

1ˢᵗ The liquor is issued by the Abkarry

Sugar and Rum Works Company to the Store Keeper, whose Store room is within the Distillery enclosure -

2d No pass is needed - Fortnightly indents are prepared by the Store Keeper with reference to his stock in hand and probable requirements -

3d The liquor is stored in the Government Store-room, and the Vendors purchase by payment of ready money such quantity as they may need -

4th The Vendors pay the money into the hands of the Store Keeper who remits it at 4 P.M. to the Taluk Treasury at Seringapatam which is only two miles distant -

5th The necessity of further check is not apparent, as the Accounts are closed and the money remitted daily - The best check is that already existing - The Rahadaries given to the retail Vendors are delivered by them to the Amildars in whose Taluk the Shops are situated and both the Rahadaries and the counterfoils are checked with the monthly accounts sent in both by the Store Keeper and Amildar to this Office -

... The Amildar has been directed to

attend the Distillery on the 15th and 30th of each month, on which dates the liquor is supplied by the Company and to verify by his signature to the Accounts the quantity of liquor in Stock and that received - He has been directed, as stipulated in the contract bond to make payments to the Company on the receipts for liquor given by the Storekeeper and these are submitted by the Amildar as Vouchers for his payments -

Nothing can be more simple than the present system and to institute further checks necessitating the interference of the Treasury Officer at Mysore, which is at a distance of 7 miles from Palhalli would cause much delay and place all parties to inconvenience -

I may add that there are now no wholesale purchasers and it would place the retail Vendors who are 79 in number and often have shops in different parts of a Taluk to expense and inconvenience to obtain orders for liquor before hand instead of obtaining their supply as at present at the distillery on the strength of their license - Also the issue of Cobenduries

does

does not seem to be expedient until the b
itself is issued -

No difficulty is experienced in calculating the quantity of liquor in store, and as liquor is issued by the Storekeeper in presence of the Mutsuddie Tester, the guard and the retail Vendors, and is moreover subject to inspection by the Amildar and Daroga after issue, no room is given for fraud - The Store Keepers pay will however be raised eventually if he continues to give satisfaction and he may then be required to furnish security if deemed requisite -

I have &c
Sd/ H. Hill
Dy: Commissioner
Myson Division

/ Copies /

A. Harris.
Chief Assistant

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File No 774
MYSORE ARCHIVES

Dy. Accountant Genl's
letter No. 2190. of the 4th.
August 1875.

No Board Proc 5 Nov Order thereon.
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I. On a careful consideration of the proposals submitted in the foregoing letter, the Offg. Chief Commr observes that the existing arrangements under which arrack for the Mysore Distrs is purchased by Govt from the Paulhally Sugar and Rum Works Company and then sold by them to wholesale & retail vendors, are unsatisfactory and liable to abuse. ※ In modification of the course recommended by the Dy. Accountt General, Mr. Dalyell suggests the following scheme would the Commr deem to adoption unobjectionable:

※ 2. The ~~Offg~~ proposals for the Deputation of Genl Dy Commr to those Districts ~~cannot be approved~~ suitable, as Mr Dalyell considers him to be urgently required here, I propose to dispose of the following manner:

~~Govt agent~~ will be delegated ~~transferred~~ to the ~~Contractor~~ Company.

II ¶. The Govt store house for depositing and vending liquor and the establishments connected with it ~~will~~ to be abolished.

III ¶. The vendors of arrack in the several Talukes of the District ~~should~~ will apply to the Amildars of Talukes for ~~the price prescribed for the~~ such quantity of arrack as required quantity of liquor they may require, and ~~pay~~ ~~for it~~ on payment of the into the Treasuries of the cost thereof into the Taluk Talukes in which their Treasury, the Amildar shops are situated. thereon furnish the applicant with an indent upon the Company ~~Govt~~ which shall state ~~¶~~. On receipt of the amidst other particulars & the money the Amildar of the quantity required, & the Taluk should issue amount paid. ~~a bill in~~ ~~lieu of the~~ an indent upon the Company's agent or Mutsuddy mentioning the quantity applied & paid for, and requesting him to supply it to the vendor therein mentioned.

~~V ¶~~. The Company's ~~Agent~~ Mutsuddy will accordingly Map this issue the liquor and grant

one of which will be
served to the applicant,
and the other sent to
the ~~Deputy Commissioner~~
~~Taluk Cutcherry~~
~~in which the toddy~~
~~shop is situated~~.

6. The Amildar will
furnish the toddy
farmer with blank
forms in duplicate, on
copy to be given to the applicant
on delivery of the ~~toddy~~
there with (return), and
in this will also send the
Dep Commr supplies
similar books of Rahadaries
will be furnished to the
Company's agent at
Valkully. These Rahadaries
will bear ~~a double~~ two series
of numbers - the one a
general number and the
other, the Taluk serial no.

Rahadaries, in duplicate
~~for its conveyance to the~~
~~place of its destination~~

V 16. A book of blank
cidents duly numbered
and signed by the Dy Com
should be sent to Amil
-dars for issue in dupli
-cate, with their counter
-signature & date, to the
Company's agent; the
duplicate to be retained
by the latter as his author
-ity for vend, and
the original to be despatch
-ed to the Dy Commr. duly
dated & countersigned.

7. A similar book
containing blank Raha
-daries but duly numb
-bered and signed by
the Dy Commr. will be
sent to the Company's
Agent or Mutsuddy for
delivering one to the vendo
and for the despatch of
its duplicate to the

his countersignature &
the date of issue. The
Rahadaries will bear the
General number for
the District as numerator
and the number for each
Taluq as ~~the~~ denominator.

III X. The Company ~~should~~
~~duly required~~ present their bills to the
Dy Commr on the 1st of
every month for payment
of the sums due to them,
accompanied with a
statement showing the
quantity sold, the da
of sale, the names of the
purchasers and of the
stations to which it was
sent, together with date
of the Amildar's indent
upon which it was issued.

III X. Before payment is
made, the Dy Commr will
~~compare and~~ satisfy
himself that the entries
in the statement furnished
by the Company ~~agree~~

correspond with the
indents the duplicates
of which are transmit
ted by him to the
District Office, and
with the entries made
in the Treasury Accounts.

~~XX~~. The Commr. will
report whether the Company
would undertake the
task required of them
in Clauses 1 and 5 & 8
above, and what rate
of remuneration they
ask, and what amount
appears to him to be rea-
sonable.

~~XII~~. The Commr. will
submit draft forms
of the indent, Rahadari
and statement prefered
in Clauses 4, 5, & 8 of
Para I respectively.

Offg. Secretary.

6. The Govt. Chemist
is to test the kapa
kelp & their ashes on the
suggestion, and the
terms upon which the Tela
Company will undertake
the supply of liquor in the
manner ~~on the line~~ de-

To; The Commr., Ashtagram
~~The Dy. Collr. Cochin~~

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the checks to be
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apply of Spirits
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Fully Company —